

*****PUBLIC NOTICE*****

The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah will be accepting applications beginning Tuesday, January 20, 2009 through Friday, February 20, 2009 for appointment(s) and reappointment(s) to the following Boards, Commissions and Authorities:

CHATHAM COUNTY/CITY OF SAVANNAH LANDBANK AUTHORITY.

Purpose: The Inter-local Agreement and By-laws established four-year terms for board members. The agreement requires that board members reside in Chatham County and be employees or elected officials of Chatham County and/or the City of Savannah. Board members must also have demonstrated special interest, experience or education in urban planning, real estate, community development, finance or related matters. Two appointments are available for reappointment.

CHATHAM ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM. Purpose: A thirty-member board with two appointed to overlapping three-year terms by City Council. Forum seeks consensus to community environmental issues. Two appointments are available for reappointment.

CHATHAM URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY (CUTS) CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Purpose: Thirty members, with seven appointed by City Council to **two-year terms**. Responsible for advising the CUTS Policy Committee on matters of public opinion concerning study findings and recommendations. Three appointments are available.

CODE ENFORCEMENT APPEALS BOARD. Purpose: Nine members appointed to fill overlapping **three-year terms** by City Council. Three appointees must be qualified in the fields of architecture and/or structural engineering. Hear appeals when errors are alleged and other matters affecting property subject to procedures set forth in the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. Nine appointments are available.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION. Purpose: Nineteen members appointed to **overlapping three-year** terms by City Council. Advisory body charged with the responsibility of recommending a comprehensive plan and program for a community cultural arts services program. No member may serve more than two consecutive three year terms. Three appointments available; three appointments available for reappointment and one unexpired term appointment available. Seven appointments available.

DOWNTOWN SAVANNAH AUTHORITY. Purpose: Five members, including Mayor or member of City Council serving his/her term of office and four residents appointed to overlapping 4- year terms by City Council, as well as a member of the

Chatham County Delegation to the GA Legislature. Encourages construction of new parking facilities and provides financial incentives for private projects which have economic benefits to the downtown area. Two appointments available for reappointment.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AUTHORITY (EOA). Purpose: Twenty-five members, with eight (8) seat public sector participation, four (4) appointed by City Council for five year terms and four appointed by the County. Seeks to reduce conditions that cause poverty by working directly with poverty-level individuals throughout Chatham County. One appointment available to fill an unexpired term.

ELECTRICAL APPEALS AND ADVISORY BOARD. Purpose: On recommendation from the Mayor, seven members are appointed four-year terms by City Council: four licensed electrical contractors; two registered consulting electrical engineers (one from power company, one from private firm) and one administrative person from the power company. All members shall have no less than 6 years experience in professional field. Determines appeals to decision of the electrical inspectors of the City. Three appointments available for reappointment.

HISTORIC DISTRICT BOARD OF REVIEW. Purpose: Eleven members appointed to overlapping three-year terms by Savannah City Council including one small business owner with an architectural background. Makes decisions on new construction and any changes to historic structures in the City's Historic District. One appointment available for appointment; one appointment available for reappointment. Two appointments available.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL. Purpose: One member appointed to a three year term by Savannah City Council. The appointee can be reappointed for consecutive terms. The appointee should be a well-acquainted member of the community and have knowledge in some of the following areas: national register nomination, historic tax incentives, streetscapes and urban design, historical research and surveys or preservation. One appointment available to fill an unexpired term.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SAVANNAH. Purpose: Established pursuant to general law O.C.G.A. 8-3-1 et seq. which creates a Housing Authority for each City and County. The general law provides for a governing body of five (5) Commissioners serving a five (5) year term with one (1) appointment each year. Vacancies are filled for the unexpired terms. Commissioners serve until a successor is named. The terms begins, on January 5th of each year. Any appointment after January 5th would be for the remainder of the term expiring on January 5th. The General Assembly of 1994 repealed all special legislation providing for additional Commissioners and Resident Commissioners, thus the only

Commissions are the five (5) Regular Commissioners appointed pursuant to general law. Two appointments available for reappointment.

KEEP SAVANNAH BEAUTIFUL. Purpose: Twenty-five members appointed to **overlapping terms of three years** by City Council. An advisory board that works with the City in developing a program to control litter and assist beautification efforts. Ten appointments available for reappointment. Seven appointments available. Seventeen appointments available.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION (MPC). Purpose: Twelve members appointed to overlapping three year terms with six appointments made by City Council and the City Manager serving. Aided by professional staff, this commission makes studies of present and future development, assists local government in translating study results into plans, policies and programs; recommends zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations. Three appointments available for reappointment. One appointment available to fill an unexpired term. Four appointments available.

PARK AND TREE COMMISSION. Purpose: Nine members appointed to **overlapping three year terms** by City Council. Charged with directing the activities to maintain the parks, squares and trees of Savannah. Term Limit: No member may serve more than three consecutive three year terms. One appointment available for reappointment. One appointment available to fill an unexpired term. Two appointments are available.

PENSION BOARD. Purpose: Eight members, including one member of City Council and two residents appointed to **overlapping four-year terms** by City Council; also serving are the City Manager, the City's Chief Financial Officer and three employee-elected representatives. Administers the City of Savannah Employee Retirement Plan. One aldermanic vacancy to fill.

PILOTAGE COMMISSION. Purpose: Seven members appointed for overlapping seven-year term by City Council. Appointees must include shipping agents, exports, or merchants, or others engaged on or familiar with marine shipping and the requirements of the Port of Savannah. Licenses pilots, prescribes rules and regulations, sets fees and imposes penalties, sets and collects penalties for vessels refusing to take pilots or mistreating pilots. Appointees cannot be pilots. One appointment available for reappointment.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION. Purpose: Five members appointed to **overlapping five-year terms** by City Council. Responsible for the operation, development and maintenance of municipal airport; and independent authority with its own staff and revenue sources. One appointment available for reappointment.

SAVANNAH/CHATHAM BOARD OF HEALTH. Purpose: To determine the health needs and resources by collecting, analyzing and evaluating health data pertaining to the health of community and assuring compliance to local and state requirements. Two members appointed to four year terms. One appointment available.

SAVANNAH/CHATHAM COUNCIL OF DISABILITY ISSUES. Purpose: The Savannah –Chatham Council of Disability Issues shall facilitate and coordinate community efforts to improve the quality of life for citizens with disabilities for the City of Savannah and Chatham County through advising and advocating local leaders. The Council shall be composed of ten (10) members with representation balanced among the business community, human service providers, and consumers (i.e., citizens with disabilities). At least ½ of members shall be persons with physical or mental disabilities. Members shall serve overlapping two (2) year terms, with eligibility for reappointment to a second consecutive two year term. Appointees may fill a remaining unexpired term plus serve two consecutive two year terms of their own. Members appointed to a one-year initial term may serve that term plus two consecutive two year terms. Members shall serve staggered terms after the initial appointment. Three appointments available. Six appointments available for reappointment. Nine appointments are available.

SAVANNAH/CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORIC SITES AND MONUMENTS COMMISSIONS (HS&M). Purpose: Five members appointed to **overlapping five year terms** by City Council. Recommends plan and cost estimates for the erection of any monuments or substantial restoration of same in the City or County and may hold title and pay for same. Three appointments are available for reappointment.

SAVANNAH DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL AUTHORITY (SDRA). Purpose: Twenty –five members appointed to four- year terms (except for first appointments which are half two-year and half-four year terms, all residents of the City. Develops recommendations to City Council for revitalization of Savannah’s downtown including comprehensive planning, beautification, marketing, etc. Twenty-one appointments are available. Eighteen appointments available. Three appointments available to fill unexpired terms.

SAVANNAH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. Purpose: Nineteen members, six appointed by City Council, serving **overlapping five year terms**. Conducts a program of industrial and port development for the City of Savannah and Chatham County and is self-funded. No one holding public office or receiving compensation from either public entity can serve. Two appointments are available.

SAVANNAH FILM COMMISSION. Purpose: Nineteen (19) member board. City Council appoints nine citizens from the community, four representatives from the motion picture and television industry and one representative from small business. One ex-officio is appointed by the Director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, one ex-officio by the President of the Downtown Neighborhood Association and one member of the

State Film Commission, ex-officio. The term of office for ex-officio members shall be for the term of office in the organization they represent. The terms of the office of all other members shall be four years, except for those first appointed for two year terms and three for four-year terms. When the terms of those first appointed shall expire, their successors shall be appointed for four year terms. The beginning date of the terms of each appointment shall be April 1 and the expiration date of each appointment shall be March 31. Members appointed on dates other than April 1 shall have their terms begin on April 1 of the year appointed. A member of the Commission shall not serve more than two successive four year terms. Advises and assists the film director in developing a program for responding to inquiries from production companies about filming in the community. Term Limits: Not more than two successive four-year terms. Three appointments are available. Seven appointments are available for reappointment. Ten appointments are available.

SAVANNAH HOSPITAL AUTHORITY. Purpose: Seven members appointed to **overlapping four year terms** by City Council. Arranges the contractual agreements between Candler General Hospital and purchases of hospital authority bonds used to finance the building of their complex off DeRenne. One appointment available to fill an unexpired term.

SAVANNAH RECREATION COMMISSION. Purpose: Twelve members are appointed to three-year terms by City Council. Serves as an advisory body on recreational programs and facilities. Five appointments available for reappointment. One vacant appointment available. Six appointments available.

SAVANNAH RESOURCE RECOVERY. Purpose: A 1981 Council Resolution created this Authority consisting of five members appointed for four-year terms. Membership includes: An Alderman, City Manager, City Finance Director, City Sanitation Director and a citizen. No term limits noted in the legislation. Two appointments available – one aldermanic appointment and one citizen appointment.

SAVANNAH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. Purpose: Five members appointed to **overlapping three year terms** by City Council. Members cannot hold public office, except for one appointee who must be a current member of the Metropolitan Planning Commission. Board hears and rules on appeals from decisions of the zoning administrator and hears and rules on requests for permits which require the board's approval. Four appointments available. One MPC member seat; three appointments available for reappointment.

TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Purpose: Established in 1993 to oversee implementation of tour bus ordinance. This task force is to advise and recommend to City Council on tourism issues. **Three-year term. Two-term-limit.** Then once off committee for one year, can serve again. Thirteen members are appointed to this task force as follows: One shall be a representative of the lodging industry; one shall be a representative of a tour company; one shall be a member of the Savannah Hospitality

Association (SHA); one shall be a member of the Savannah Visitors Bureau; one shall be a representative from a historic district museum or attraction; two shall be members of the Downtown Neighborhood Association (DNA); one shall be a member of the Historic District Residents Association; two shall be members of the Historic Savannah Foundation; one shall be a representative of the food, beverage and/or retail industries; one shall be at large with demonstrated knowledge of the history and/or architecture of the historic district; and one shall be at large. Three appointments available. One RAL (Resident at Large) appointment available for reappointment. One Member at Large appointment available for reappointment. One SHA (Savannah Hospitality Association) appointment available.

UNITED WAY BOARD OF TRUSTEES. Purpose: A member of City Council is appointed for a one-year term to this approximately 200 member board. Trustees meet annually to vote on their Board of Directors and officers for the United Way of the Coastal Empire. One aldermanic appointment available for reappointment.

Applications can be found on the City's website: [savannahga.gov/Clerk of Council/Boards, Commissions, Authorities](http://savannahga.gov/Clerk%20of%20Council/Boards,%20Commissions,%20Authorities). Applications will be accepted beginning Tuesday, January 20, 2009 through Friday, February 20, 2009.

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2009 (CLOSING DATE).

Upon completion of the appointment process by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, all applicants and appointees will be notified.

For further information, contact the Office of the Clerk of Council. Telephone 651-6441, Fax 651-4260 or Email – clerkofcouncil@savannahga.gov.

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